

CITY WILL BOND FOR \$110,000 FOR NEEDED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Thomas Vetoes Bill Providing for Sewerage Alone.

WANTED OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Explained His Veto and Stated in Person That City Was Now on Verge of Prosperity and Needs Improvements in Other Ways—New Ordinance.

The municipal legislature, in accordance with the order of Monday evening, met in recess session Tuesday night, at which a number of ordinances were presented and read, one of which by waiving of the rules was passed and would have become a law with the approval of the mayor.

This ordinance was an ordinance introduced by Alderman Taylor, and provided for the calling of an election for bonds in the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of constructing a complete system of sewerage, and to provide for a board of bond trustees. The colleagues of Alderman Taylor evidently realized that it was the proper thing, and it passed its first reading with an ease akin to a boy at a county fair sliding down a greasy pole. The result was that the rules were waived and the ordinance was passed to its second and third readings, and was adopted; but when presented for the signature of Mayor Thomas there was a fall in the proceedings—not because of the mayor's adversity to the law, but because of the fact that he was not of the opinion that it was sufficiently broad. The instrument was vetoed, and the reasons are given below:

The Mayor's Reasons.

"To the Honorable President and Members of the City Council of Gainesville, Florida.

"Gentlemen: I beg to return you herewith, without my approval, an ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Bonds under the Provision of an Act of the Legislature of Florida, entitled 'A Bill to be entitled An Act Extending and Enlarging the Territorial Limits and the Powers of the City of Gainesville, a Municipal Corporation Organized and Existing in Alachua County, Florida, and Providing for the Exercise of These Powers,' the object and purpose of which is to provide for the calling of an election submitting to the qualified voters of the city of Gainesville the propositions of bonding for the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of constructing a sewerage system in said city and the election of a board of public works to have charge of all funds arising from bond sales and the construction of all public works.

"On Tuesday the qualified electors of this city approved the issuance of \$50,000 of bonds for educational purposes, which represents this city's donation to the University of Florida shortly to be constructed in our city.

"In this ordinance you provide for the issuance of another \$50,000 in bonds to be used for the purpose of constructing sewerage. From neither of these two sources will you derive any material profit. From the former there will be none; from the latter but little, since the primary object of sewerage is public health, the acquirement of which entails upon the city the same duty and expense on behalf of the poor as well as the wealthy property holders. No matter how economically administered, no sewerage system can ever pay its operating expenses—of the proof of which I am sure there can be no doubt.

"I find, therefore, that you contemplate the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds, the payment of which must be derived solely from the taxation of city property.

"It occurs to me that in the issuance of bonds for public utilities a due regard should always be had for the most available method of meeting the indebtedness whereby the lightest possible burdens might be imposed upon the tax-payer.

Municipal Lighting.

"With this idea in view I recommend that you incorporate in your proposition of bonding for sewerage purposes, the issuance of an amount of bonds over and above that necessary for the construction of a sewerage plant sufficient for the purchase, or erection, of an electric light plant for the city.

"Aside from the fact that every municipality should own its lighting plant, deriving therefrom not only the benefit of good service and cheap lights, but also the revenues that flow

therefrom, in the present instance by taking this step you will acquire a public utility which will not only pay for itself, but will produce a revenue to enable you to meet the indebtedness of the bond issue for educational and sewerage purposes. By this means, you will relieve the tax-payers of a large portion of the expense incident to the redemption of the bonds to be issued by you for the two purposes above named.

A Profitable Investment.

"From investigations I have made, I am well satisfied of the fact that an electric light plant in the city of Gainesville at this time will produce a net profit of about \$12,000.

"Eliminating from consideration the cost of an electric light plant, and estimating that your sewerage system will cost you \$50,000, we find that upon the \$100,000 bonded indebtedness, an electric light plant, after paying the interest of \$5,000 per annum upon this sum, will leave you a sinking fund of about \$7,000 per year—sufficient to liquidate this bonded indebtedness in a period of a little less than fifteen years.

"In view of the fact that you contemplate a portion of the sewerage bonds running for a period of thirty-five years, it is easy to be seen that the revenues of an electric light plant, without considering the extension of its business by reason of the growth of the city in future years, will easily pay the \$100,000 bonded indebtedness you now contemplate, together with its own cost, in a period much shorter than that for which you intend these bonds to run.

"In my judgment the proposed ordinance should make provision for the purchase, or construction, of an electric light plant, as well as the construction of a sewerage system, and because of that I return you the ordinance with my veto.

"Very respectfully,

"W. R. THOMAS, Mayor."

Bond Was Increased.

After receiving the vetoed ordinance, the council passed another ordinance increasing the amount to \$110,000, and adding the purchase of the electric light and gas plants, or the building of new plants, and paving of streets. The ordinance provided \$50,000 for sewerage system, \$50,000 for the purchase of the present plants or the construction of others, and \$10,000 for street paving. All the councilmen were present with the exception of Chairman Broome, who is absent from the city, and Alderman Wittetok, who is indisposed. It was the unanimous vote of the council, as it was deemed the proper step towards advancement.

Mayor Thomas was present at this meeting and explained his reason for vetoing the ordinance for sewerage alone, because he realized that the other improvements, which could be secured under the same ordinance, would be as easily secured without the expense or trouble of conducting other elections.

The ordinance as passed Wednesday night provides \$110,000, proportioned as follows: \$30,000 payable in fifteen years; \$40,000 payable in twenty-five years; \$40,000 payable in thirty-five years, at the office of the treasurer of the city of Gainesville.

This is the most important step ever taken by the city, and the mayor and council are to be commended for their energy.

NEW FORM OF INSURANCE.

The Mutual Life Industrial Association is a Good Thing.

The Mutual Life Industrial Association of Georgia has an advertisement in this issue which it will certainly pay prospective purchasers of life insurance to read carefully and consider. It is a revelation in life insurance, insuring holders of a Mutual Industrial policy at less than one-fifth of the rate charged by the old-line company, and affording an equal guarantee to the beneficiaries at time of death.

This company was formed under the laws of the State of Georgia, and, as its name indicates, is mutual and fair to all policy holders. It is a company where every policy holder stands on an equal footing, where the affairs of the company are handled and controlled by local officers, and a plan which, while cheap, is not a failure. While it is true there are



**CLEMENTINA GONZALES,
OF CENTRAL AMERICA,
RESTORED TO HEALTH.
PE-RU-NA THE REMEDY**

"Miss Clementina Gonzales, Hotel Provincia, Guatemala, C. A., in a recent letter from 247 Cleveland Ave., Chicago, Ill., writes:

"I took Peruna for a worn-out condition. I was so run down that I could not sleep at night, had no appetite and felt tired in the morning.

"I tried many tonics, but Peruna was the only thing which helped me in the least. After I had taken but a half bottle I felt much better. I continued its use for three weeks and I was completely restored to health, and was able to take up my studies which I had been forced to drop. There is nothing better than Peruna to build up the system."—Clementina Gonzales.

Address The Peruna Medicine Co., of Columbus, Ohio, for instructive free literature on catarrh.

duements tagged to the policy, it is a plain, straight, honest business-like proposition to any man of moderate means who desires to protect his family in case of death, and a plan which is every day meeting more universal approval.

A number of the best and most conservative business men in the city are directing the affairs of the Alachua Division of this Association, of which B. B. Hopson is manager, and it will at least interest our readers to note the extraordinary inducements offered.

THE YELLOW FEVER.

New Orleans Being Cleaned Up—Archbishop Chapelle.

New Orleans, Aug. 9.—Surgeon White now has several hundred men cleaning the city. There were seventeen new cases up to noon today and two deaths. Thorough search is made each day for new cases. Bishop Chapelle is holding his own with prospects favorable.

New York, Aug. 9.—Eight passengers and four of the crew of the schooner Alliance, from Colon, have been detained at Hoffman's Island.

Mayor Bliss of Pensacola was arrested Monday afternoon charged with having in his possession considerable dynamite that belonged to the city. John Burns, former street superintendent, made the affidavit.

Charley White and the colored boot-black "Nat," of St. Augustine, who went fishing Saturday, were supposed to be drowned, as the body of the latter was found near the lagoon on Monday.

A ENDEL'S MISFORTUNE.

Fire Caused a Great Deal of Damage to His Stock in Jacksonville.

The following, taken from The Times-Union of the 8th inst., will prove of interest to readers of The Sun, since the store in question is owned exclusively by Albert M. Endel, for many years a resident and business man of this city. At the time of the fire Mr. Endel was absent, having sailed on the Clyde steamer the day before for New York. The news will be a surprise to him upon reaching his Northern destination. The Times-Union says:

"Fire which started from a fire-pot in the upstairs portion of Endel, Kidwell & Sheridan's tailoring and gents' furnishing store, 129 West Bay street, at 6:45 o'clock yesterday morning, badly damaged the building and stock therein.

"An alarm was sent in from Box 14, corner of Bay and Hogan streets, and the firemen did excellent work in saving the property and stock. Quite a lot of the goods in the store was badly damaged, but the exact loss from the fire could not be ascertained.

"The fire ate its way through the floor of the upstairs portion of the store and fell through to the lower floor. The firemen had quite a job in extinguishing the fire."

LACROSSE LACONICS.

A Quiet Marriage—Rain Damages Cotton Crop—Other Notes of Interest.

LaCrosse, August 9.—J. S. Parker left Tuesday for Richmond, Va., where he has accepted a traveling position with one of the best houses in that progressive city. "Sie" is especially fitted for such a position, and his friends predict for him a successful career.

Rev. John N. Thompson is visiting his wife at Island Grove.

Cotton crops are injured by the excessive rains of the past few days.

Next Tuesday, the 15th, is the day set for the sub-district school election, and from present indications the vote will be unanimous for the school interest.

T. J. Rivers and Miss Ollie Howell were quietly married last Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. F. Parker. Their many friends wish for them a long life of happiness and prosperity.

S. E. Brooker, who has been truck farming in Gainesville, has returned to his home here.

Mrs. Mallie Sims of Webster is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cooksey. Mrs. Sophie Wright of Savannah, Ga., another daughter, is also visiting them.

Mrs. A. B. Shaw of Old Town, Lafayette county, is visiting the family of J. W. Harris.

Joseph W. Harrell, who has been confined to his room with fever, is improving.

Convicted at Newberry.

Constable J. D. Siford arrived in the city Tuesday having in custody two prisoners who were committed in Justice Henderson's court.

Chas. McDonald was arraigned upon a charge of assault with intent to murder. His bond was fixed at \$250 and failing to procure the bond he was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury at the fall term of the circuit court.

David McFall, charged with common assault, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs or spend six months in the county jail. Failing to produce the cash, he will spend the term in an apprenticeship at the turpentine farms.

Mrs. Annie Bullard, residing with her parents at Bayou Chico, Escambia county, shot herself in her left breast on Monday with suicidal intent. Her father caused her to leave her husband and she was despondent. Within an hour after the shooting she gave birth to a child. Her condition is critical.

LETTER FROM ELMER WHITE.

He Congratulates Gainesville on Securing the University.

Every old citizen of Gainesville will remember E. J. White, engaged in the newspaper business with the present editor of The Sun for several years up to July, 1888, and who has since been residing in Yukon Territory. In a recent letter to Senator McHenry he shows that though in the shadow of the North Pole he still feels interested in Gainesville, as does every one who ever lived in this city. Mr. White writes:

"White Horse, Y. T., July 25, 1895. I have just read in The Sun of the fact that Gainesville has been accorded the State University, and although away up here in the shadow of the North Pole, I wish to express my gratification.

"Things are at last coming my way at least they show symptoms of being about ready to start my way. I have only seventeen pounds more to gain to reach the two hundred mark.

"My family went to the States lately and will visit the Portland Exposition but I have not been south of Juneau, Alaska, for seven years. I will probably, however, hit for God's country next year."

Mr. White's old friends hope he will visit Gainesville soon, for they would like to see what he looks like as a two hundred pounder.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Gainesville, Fla. A. J. Allen, Esq., Attorney at Law. Notice is hereby given that I, A. J. Allen, do hereby certify that the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1878, entitled "An Act to extend the time for the filing of claims for land in the States of California, Nevada, and Washington Territory, and to extend to all the public lands in said States and Territories the provisions of the Act of August 4, 1892, entitled 'An Act to amend the Act of March 3, 1878, relating to the filing of claims for land in the States of California, Nevada, and Washington Territory, and to extend to all the public lands in said States and Territories the provisions of the Act of August 4, 1892, entitled 'An Act to amend the Act of March 3, 1878, relating to the filing of claims for land in the States of California, Nevada, and Washington Territory, and to extend to all the public lands in said States and Territories the provisions of the Act of August 4, 1892, entitled 'An Act to amend the Act of March 3, 1878, relating to the filing of claims for land in the States of California, Nevada, and 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